## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 558 By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James Eric Russell, 2003 Valedictorian of Union County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, James Eric Russell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Union County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Russell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and in our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, James Eric Russell has earned an exemplary grade point average and has been honored with the National English Merit Award and the American Character and Citizenship Award; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young man, Mr. Russell has been an active member of the Beta Club, Future Farmers of America, and Valley Grove Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, James Eric Russell is remarkably community-minded and public-spirited; a model citizen, he is committed to serving his community and the common family of humanity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, James Eric Russell's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, James and Susan Russell, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Union County High School Valedictorian, James Eric Russell, on his impressive academic achievement, extending to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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